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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

A Final Office Action was issued on August 28, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. On October 28, 2002 applicants timely filed a reply. An Advisory Action was issued on November 22, 2002. Applicants herewith petition for a one month extension of time in connection with the August 28, 2002 Final Office Action. The fee for a one month extension of time for a small entity is \$55.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a one month extension of time, a reply is due December 28, 2002. Accordingly, the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and the subject Preliminary Amendment are being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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